

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

REMEMBERING COUNCILWOMAN  
CHARLYE HEGGINS

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 6, 2013*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of my friend Councilwoman Charlye Heggins. After a long battle with cancer, Mrs. Heggins passed away last week at the age of 80. She served in the Denton City Council for six years, representing District 1.

As a child, Mrs. Heggins played piano for church services, learning to play in any key and accompanying people after they sang just a few bars. She volunteered to play in other churches and also filled in sometimes for funeral services. Mrs. Heggins graduated in 1952 from Phillips Business College in Dallas, and the next year attended Prairie View A&M College. In 1972, after marrying the late Rev. Edell Heggins, who became the pastor of Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Mrs. Heggins moved to Denton. She served alongside her husband singing and playing piano for many years in Denton and Oklahoma churches.

As a member of city council, from 2005 to 2011, Mrs. Heggins served on many committees including the Audit Committee, Ethics Committee, Property Maintenance Code Committee, and Council Appointee Performance Review Committee. Additionally, she served on the Community Justice Council and the Denton Convention and Visitors Bureau. Although Mrs. Heggins usually voted with the rest of the council, she was not afraid to stand up for issues that were important to her. She cast the only vote against a plan to build a city water tank in a wooded area south of Denia Park, as well as one against the controversial natural gas well site at Rayzor Ranch. Mrs. Heggins was a key voice in establishing Black History Month in Denton and Kwanzaa celebrations. She served as Denton County chapter's secretary for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People as well as the chairwoman of the Juneteenth Committee Gospel Extravaganza. Mrs. Heggins was on the Fred Moore High School advisory board and on the Greater Denton Arts Council. She supported Keep Denton Beautiful and was a member of the League of United Latin American Citizens, the BIONIC ministry of Morse Street Baptist Church, and the Sickle Cell Advisory group.

Mrs. Heggins was actively involved in service to the Denton community, volunteering for the Rocking Reader program at The Gonzalez School for Young Children. She participated in pageants in Denton as well, winning Ms. Mature Denton, Ms. Texas Senior, and Ms. Congeniality.

In her last term, Mrs. Heggins helped name various Denton landmarks, such as the Southeast Denton park being named for another former District 1 council member, the late Carl Gene Young Sr., and the Civic Center Park being renamed Quakertown, the black com-

munity forced to leave the land to create the park. She also advocated tirelessly for the naming of the new Loop 288 pedestrian bridge for Martin Luther King Jr., which will be formally dedicated on June 14, beginning the city's Juneteenth annual celebration.

A breast cancer survivor, Mrs. Heggins was diagnosed in 2009 with renal cell carcinoma, a type of kidney cancer. She formed a cancer patient support group that still meets at the Martin Luther King Jr. Recreation Center on the first Thursday of each month.

I am proud to honor the life of Councilwoman Charlye Heggins for her years of service to the Denton community and her friendship. I would like to extend my sincerest condolences to Mrs. Heggins' family and friends.

CONGRATULATING O'FALLON  
CASTING

**HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 6, 2013*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize O'Fallon Casting in O'Fallon, Missouri for receiving the 2013 Casting of the Year award from the American Foundry Society. This award recognizes the incredible detail capabilities of O'Fallon Casting.

The metal foundry won with its electronics housing specifically produced for the defense industry. It was able to create a product that allowed customers to avoid hours spent on fabrication and assembly by combining multiple parts into a single unyielding piece. These metal casters worked alongside local engineers to pack their product with functional features and elements while at the same time trying to keep the weight low. The piece while rigid was lighter and more precise than all comparable fabrications, weighing only 2.2 pounds.

With this honor, O'Fallon Casting's work has been recognized amongst many, excellent metal casting companies throughout the nation. In fact, my home district in Missouri includes a number of excellent casting companies.

O'Fallon Casting is an outstanding example of creativity and ingenuity. The determination of the foundry's hardworking labor force and their ability to collaborate with local engineers is a fine example of how a community's selfless collaboration can result in an award winning final product. This foundry's creation is a step in the right direction for a brighter future in the metal casting industry.

In closing, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring O'Fallon Casting for earning the "Casting of the Year" award and working to promote small business success in Missouri.

LETTER WRITTEN BY TOM  
HARDEMAN

**HON. KENNY MARCHANT**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 6, 2013*

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share a letter I received from a concerned constituent. Mr. Tom Hardeman owns and operates a McDonald's restaurant in my district, and in his letter he writes:

"I used to think of Burger King, Wendy's and Sonic as my competition and the greatest risk to my business. But now I believe it is the federal government.

"It is regulation, taxation, mandated programs and interference from government that has the potential to destroy small businesses like mine across this great land.

"I'm asking you to protect small businesses like mine so that I can protect the jobs of the people I employ," he wrote.

Sadly, Mr. Hardeman's concerns are shared by small business owners across the country. This is why House Republicans continue to push policies that make life easier for hard-working taxpayers—without expanding government.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF  
EVANGELIST DELLA  
MAE KING SUTTON

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 6, 2013*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay homage to the life and legacy of Evangelist Della Mae King Sutton of Nesbit, Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, Evangelist Sutton was a mighty woman of God. She devoted countless hours to empower those around her in formal and Christian education. Born July 20, 1941 in Desoto County, MS, Ms. Della was the first daughter to the late Turner King, Sr. and the late Remell Bridgeforth King.

Ms. Sutton began her education at Shiloh M.B. Church in Desoto County, MS where her father was the instructor. She continued her education as an honor student at Hernando High School, which taught students up until eighth grade, and completed her studies as class Valedictorian. Upon leaving Hernando High, Ms. Della finished her secondary education at the age of sixteen at Eastern High School in Olive Branch, MS, where she was Salutatorian of her graduating class before enrolling in Mississippi Industrial College in Holly Springs, MS. It was there where she would meet her companion in life, her husband, Mr. Jesse Sutton, Jr. After completing studies at Mississippi Industrial College, Ms. Sutton earned her Master's of Science degree from Jackson Statue University.

Ms. Della Mae sincerely believed in children and the value of educating them. Ms. Sutton

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